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OVER TWO MILLION ARAB-AMERICANS ARE AWAITING THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER ISRAEL HAS VIOLATED THE U.S. ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT. THE EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING DAILY, AND THE CONCLUSION SEEMS, TO US, MOST OBVIOUS. ISRAEL'S ACT OF STATE TERRORISM NOW AMOUNTS TO GENOCIDE AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLE- BOTH LEBANESES AND PALESTINIANS- AND WILL ONLY RESULT IN A CONTINUATION OF VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED WHICH COULD LEAD TO A GENERAL WAR.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES IS NOW BEING PUT TO THE SEVEREST TEST. BOTH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE ARAB WORLD AWAIT YOUR DECISION. AT THIS JUNCTURE, AMERICA NEEDS LEADERSHIP OF THE HIGHEST ORDER, THAT WHICH IS CONSONANT WITH AMERICA'S FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, LIBERTY AND EQUALITY.

THE UNDERSIGNED LEADERS OF THE MAJOR NATIONAL ARAB-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY, IN OTTAWA, TO GIVE YOU OUR VIEWS OF THE SITUATION BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE WHICH WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON AMERICAN/ARAB RELATIONS FOR YEARS TO COME AND WHICH COULD HELP ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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